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SUBJECT: REPORTED HAITIAN EXILE ACTIVITIES

1. I. IRVING DAVIDSON, WASHINGTON PR TYPE, INFORMED DEPTOFF JUNE 22 THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED ON JUNE 21 BY FRITZ DOMINIQUE, FORMER COUNSELOR GOH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND BROTHER- IN- LAW OF MARIE- DENISE DUVALIER DOMINIQUE, THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR HIM (FRITZ) TO MEET IN NEW YORK CITY, JUNE 22 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF HAITIAN EXILE GROUPS AT THEIR REQUEST. HE TOLD DAVIDSON THAT APPARENTLY SOME EXILES ARE INCREASINGLY RESTLESS OVER THE LACK OF IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR PROSPECTS TO RETURN TO HAITI UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES FAVORABLE TO THEM. THEY, IN ADDITION, ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE DOMINIQUE WHO THEY APPARENTLY REGARD AS POTENTIALLY HELPFUL INSTRUMENTS TO RETURN, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE CONNECTION TO MARIE- DENISE. THE REFUSAL OR RELUCTANCE OF MAX AND DIDI DOMINIQUE TO RETURN TO HAITI AND THE APPARENT VAGUENESS SURROUNDING THEIR FUTURE PLANS HAS FUELED THE EXILES FRUSTRATIONS. FRITZ, ACCORDING DAVIDSON WILL ATTEMPT TO REASSURE THE EXILES THAT THE DOMINIQUE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE INTEREST

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IN THE FUTURE OF HAITI AND MAY MENTION, IN THIS REGARD,
THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF MARIE- DENISE TO PORT- AU- PRINCE NEXT
WEEK AS ONE INDICATION OF MOVEMENT. FRITZ WILL BRIEF DAVID
SON UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON THE MEETING. DAVID-

SON INTIMATED THAT FRITZ WANTED THE USG TO KNOW OF THIS
ACTIVITY AND TO BE REASSURED THAT HE WAS NOT VIOLATING
HIS RESIDENT STATUS BY DOING SO. DAVIDSON WILL SUBS-
QUENTLY CONTACT DEPARTMENT.

2. DAVIDSON ALSO REPORTED FRITZ' S COMMENTS THAT SOME
EXILES ARE UNDERGOING TRAINING SOMEWHERE IN NEW JERSEY
WHICH WILL PREPARE THEM, THEY HOPE, TO FIGHT THEIR WAY
BACK TO HAITI. DAVIDSON WAS UNABLE TO BE SPECIFIC AS TO
NUMBERS INVOLVED, LOCATION OF TRAINING, OR ANY TIMETABLE
EXCEPT TO SAY THEY WOULD EXPECT TO BE FLOWN TO HAITI.

3. DEPTOFF RESPONDED THAT SUCH MEETINGS AS DESCRIBED
BETWEEN EXILES AND FRITZ DOMINIQUE COULD SERIOUSLY
JEOPARDIZE HIS STATUS HERE AND HE SHOULD BEAR THIS IN
MIND. DEPTOFF ASKED THAT DAVIDSON PASS ON WHATEVER RE-
PORT FRITZ DOMINIQUE MIGHT GIVE HIM ON HIS MEETING IN
NEW YORK AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION HE MIGHT COLLECT ON
EXILE " TRAINING ACTIVITY". RUSH

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